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LATEST INTELLIGENCE

by Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

Yellow Fever in Virginia.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Sept. 7.

The accounts from Norfolk and Portsmouth are of the same terrible description, and there is great suffering from famine as well as from pestilence.

Three thousand dollars were subscribed this morning at the counter of the *American*, making a total in this city thus far of about $17,000.

A load of provisions is sent down by steamboat daily.

A meeting of the citizens of Baltimore has been called for to-morrow to devise further measures for affording relief.

A Norfolk dispatch, dated last evening, says there were seventeen deaths in the Howard Infirmary during the 24 hours ending at 2 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, and about fifty in private practice.

Thirty-seven bodies were buried in one pit in the Potter's Field on Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. W. Kyle, Mrs. Henry Howard, Mrs. John Shuster, Mrs. Thomas F. Owen and Mr. John Shuster, are among the dead.

Dr. Goode, of Richmond, Mr. Jackson, a student of medicine from Washington, Mr. Dodd, of Norfolk, Mrs. Wilson, and Charles Salomon Monroe, from Baltimore, are all extremely ill.

Drs. West, of New-York, Nunn, of Savannah, and Smith, of Columbia, Penn., were attacked yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlayne, a student of medicine from Philadelphia, E. B. Walters, and several members of his family, are down. Mr. Gatewood, the agent of the Associated Press, is seriously ill.

Miss Andrews, of Syracuse, is better, and Rev. Mr. O'Keefe, of the Roman Catholic Church, Mr. Willis, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, are all doing well.

Capt. Edwards had a relapse, but was again doing well.

There were between fifty and sixty patients in the Howard Infirmary, a large number in the Jeleppi Hospital, and one hundred and eleven in the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth.

A most outrageous robbery was perpetrated by a fellow named Marks, a Superintendent in the Howard Infirmary, who broke open the trunk of a lady recently deceased, and abstracted a large quantity of jewelry, all of which was subsequently recovered.

Among the deaths on Thursday morning were Thos. Booth, W. P. Parsons, also Yarrey and John Small. The following new cases also occurred: Augustus Cook, the Mayor's assistant; Miss Eugenia Monroe, Leon Schiano, son of the French Vice Consul, &c.

At Portsmouth six physicians, mostly from the North, are sick. Dr. Collins, President of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, continues very ill; but of 18 employés at the Railroad Depôt, when the fever broke out, only one remains alive.

Dr. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, was taken to the Hospital on Thursday morning. Mayor Fisk continues to improve.

There were in all, at Portsmouth on Thursday, about 400 cases. The number of deaths there during Wednesday was 35, and on Thursday, up to 2 P. M., between 10 and 15.

Mr. Lewis, the Navy Agent, is sick, as well as some members of his family.

A boat load of provisions was sent down to Norfolk this evening, and a Committee of the City Councils, with fifty large tents and forty men to erect them, proceeded to Craney Island this evening. More tents will be sent down to-morrow to establish an encampment for refugees from the infected districts.

Subscription at Boston for the Yellow Fever Sufferers—The Slave Schooner.

BOSTON, Friday, Sept. 7.

Two thousand dollars have been contributed in this city for the relief of the Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers—part of which was forwarded yesterday.

Mayor Smith has called a public meeting to arrange measures for securing further aid.

James R. Stetson, arrested on the charge of fitting out the schooner *Mary E. Smith* as a slaver, has been discharged by the United States Commissioner.

A large meeting was held at the Exchange, to-day, in behalf of the Norfolk sufferers. Alpheus Hardy, Esq., who originated the subscriptions three days ago, forwarded yesterday one thousand dollars to Norfolk and Portsmouth. He has three thousand subscribed, and the balance will be forwarded immediately.

Mayor Smith presided at the meeting. Addresses were made by Hon. R. C. Winthrop, Rev. Mr. Blagden, and others. A large Committee was appointed to raise further subscriptions.

The President and the Yellow Fever.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Sept. 7, 1855.

Surgeon General Lawson is to be dispatched to Fort Monroe to report upon the whole subject connected with the Quarantine there established, and on the question of the evacuation of the Fort, with reference to its occupancy by refugees from Norfolk and Portsmouth, as requested by the Committee from those cities. The Hospital at the Fort is now filled with sick soldiers, principally raw recruits, whose disease is not yellow fever.

Wisconsin Republican State Convention.

MADISON, Wis., Thursday, Sept. 6.

The Wisconsin Republican State Convention nominated Coles Bashford as their candidate for Governor, the vote being: Bashford, 124; E. P. Holton, 47; scattering, 3. C. C. Sholes, of Kenosha, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor on the third ballot. Anti-Know-Nothing resolutions were adopted.

[NOTE.—The incorrect reading of the dispatch published Friday morning arose from a telegraphic blunder in writing "and Know-Nothing resolutions were passed," instead of "Anti-Know-Nothing resolutions were passed."]

Murder at Fletcher, Vt.

MILTON FALLS, Vt., Friday, Sept. 7.

During an altercation at Fletcher yesterday, between two men named Chase and Fulton, the former was stabbed and knocked down by the latter, and died almost immediately afterwards. The quarrel was in reference to a whipping which Fulton had administered to Chase's son, for taking a melon from his garden.

Fire and Loss of Life.

MILLVILLE, N. J., Sept. 7.

The house of Wesley Vanaman, Hamilton township, was destroyed by fire this morning. Two of Mr. Vanaman's children, aged ten and eighteen years, Albert and Achley, perished in the flames.

Railroad Excursion.

EASTON, Penn., Friday, Sept. 7.

The first engine and tender passed over the Lehigh Valley Railroad bridge this afternoon. The whole road will be opened and trains run through from New-York to Mauch Chunk by Tuesday next.

Western Grain in Transit for the East.

BUFFALO, Friday, Sept. 7.

From reliable data it is estimated that there is now afloat upon Lake Michigan, bound to this port, not less than 350,000 bushels of wheat, and about 450,000 bushels of Indian corn.

The Burlington Catastrophe.

BURLINGTON, Friday, Sept. 7.

Mr. O. Fisk, of Connecticut, who was injured on the recent Railroad accident, and had a foot amputated in consequence, died this morning.

The Southern Mail.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Sept. 7.

By the arrival of the Southern mails as late as due, we have New Orleans papers of last Saturday, but they contain no news of importance.

Card from Mr. T. F. Meagher.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: The journals in giving the recent nominations of the United American Order, speak of a Mr. T. F. Meagher as elected to the post of "Grand Sachem." Now, as my sympathies are wholly literary, and my opinions by no means those of the Order, it will be doing me a double kindness to state that I am not the gentleman so elected. Your obedt. S. T. F. MEAGHER.

Of the Middle Temple, London; Barrister at Law.
No. 49 Leonard-street, Room No. 4.

Cases in which Ladies have been Sued for Breach of Promise.

A correspondent, who has been for many years a law reporter in our courts, sends us the following narrative of cases in which suits have been commenced against females for breaking their promise of marriage:

"I have known, within the last ten years, of three cases of breach of promise of marriage, in which the plaintiffs were men. About ten years ago a physician of some celebrity, residing in the eastern part of the City, married a widow lady of very elegant address and manners, and before the honeymoon was over, made the unpleasant discovery that himself and wife were sued by a German in their neighborhood, and the damages laid at $10,000. The declaration—for the code had not ousted then—was as verbose as a special pleader could make it, and had an inconceivable number of counts in relation to the fickleness and the torgiversation of the lovely widow, and, sad to say, her lands and dollars. As the Doctor had then and now a brother who is an editor of the Sunday press, the affair soon got wind, and when the day of trial came round, and the parties were arranged by the side of their bugh abteuers, there was certainly a marked dissimilarity in the outward appearance of the lady and her liege lord, when compared with her quondam lover, the German. This was the great point of the defence, and the eloquent and windy speech of Mr. Girard on that fruitful theme, must ever live in the memory of those who had the pleasure of listening to it. Of course, the German could not make headway against such insurmountable disadvantages, therefore, the only verdict he obtained was, that it *served him right*, with the usual liberty to pay the costs. If my memory is correct, Chief Justice Oakley presided, and I know that the Court, on charging the Jury, fully recognized the right of a man as well as a woman, to bring such a suit and to recover, if the evidence would justify the Jury in saying "that a woman had either made such a promise without intending to keep it, or had, in the wanton spirit of mischief, so conducted herself towards a suitor as to leave on his mind an inference that she had accepted his offer of marriage. The Court also charged, that the damages must be—as in other cases—apportioned with regard to the wealth and standing of the parties, the expenses, if any, which had been incurred by the plaintiff, and, above all—what *Jeames Yellowplush* might call—the *feelins* of the injured individual. The case was fully *reported in almost every journal of that day, and much* commented on by the legal and moral critics.

The other two cases I can cite did not reach a trial before the Court and Jury. One was brought up about the date of the first volume of the Daily Times, in the Court of Common Pleas, under the code, by a young German, against a blue eyed *fraulein*, who had recently arrived here with considerable *siller*. After the lady had been served with the summons, as provided by the code, the attorney for the plaintiff applied to the Judge at Chambers, Mr. Justice Daly, I think, for an order for her to be committed to close custody, on the ground that she was a non-resident, and, moreover, that a breach of promise of marriage was one of those causes of action for which defendants could be so held. To this it was replied, that by a subsequent section of the code it was provided that no female defendant could be imprisoned. The learned Judge examined the code, and found that the codders had left one little breach unguarded in their care for the rights of the dear creatures, for it is there written, "except there is *prima facie* evidence that the defendant, if a woman, has perpetrated a willful or malicious injury."

The learned Judge, with a gallantry that does honor to his single blessedness, ruled that a refusal to marry a man—even after a promise made—was not a malicious injury! What would Pastis say to that?

I believe that decision terminated that promising litigation, for the lady obtained another husband—departed hence—leaving her *fiancé* to either bewail the loss of his damages, or go *whither from* from the next immigration from Schutland.

The third case I obtained yesterday from a gentleman of the Bar of this City, who informed me that he had quite recently instituted proceedings against a wealthy lady resident here, on behalf of a gentleman who had been most cruelly treated. The matter was compromised by the payment of some $400 or $500, and it would therefore be unfair to lay bare the particulars to the public eye.

Loss of the Sub-Marine Telegraph Cable—Reply to Captain Turner's Card.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Sept. 7, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: In your issue of yesterday Capt. Turner, of the steamer *James Adger*, has addressed to you a letter, contradicting an assertion made by me that owing to errors in selling, ten miles of the Sub-marine Telegraphic cable had been wasted during the late unsuccessful attempt to lay it between Cape Ray and Cape North. This contradiction was accompanied by a certificate from Mr. Canning, stating nothing that bore upon the question at issue.

I will proceed, Sir, to offer you the following irrefragable proofs that ten, if not more, miles of the cable were wasted by devious courses taken by the *James Adger*. Cape Ray and Cape North lie directly opposite each other on the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, at a distance of 63.05 statute miles. Between these points lies the Island of St. Paul's, the northeast point of which is 17½ statute miles from Cape North, and 45¾ from Cape Ray.

The object of the Company being, of course, to proceed from one point to the other in as direct a manner as possible, it was important that the *Adger* should make all due allowance for currents, &c., and a course of west half-south, quarter-south, allowing for the variation in the compass, would have exactly hit the mark. That this course was not followed I will now make very evident. At Cape Ray there are headlands rising near 1,000 feet from the level of the sea. On St. Paul's Island the heights are between 600 and 700 feet in altitude. At Cape North the headlands are laid down from 900 to 1,000 feet. Now, if at the time the cable was cut, the *James Adger* was only 14 statute miles from St. Paul's Island, the Cape Ray headlands, being 31 miles distant, must have looked much less than half the height of the peak of St. Paul's; whereas, in fact, their bases were distinctly visible, while the heights of St. Paul's appeared exceedingly low. We had at the time the cable was cut paid out that day 41 miles, which brought us, according to Captain Turner, within 14 miles of St. Paul's, and increased the distance between Cape Ray and our vessel to 31 miles, yet the headlands 23 miles of looked nearly twice as large as the headlands supposed to be only 14 miles off.

Again. There is a lighthouse on the northeast side of St. Paul's, rising 300 feet above the sea. It is laid down on the Admiralty charts that this light is visible at any point within a circle whose circumference is six leagues or 19½ statute miles from that portion of the Island. If we had been, as Capt. Turner states, only 14 miles from St. Paul's, this light would have been fully visible. As it was, the light was not at all to be seen; consequently we must have been more than 19½ miles from the Island when the cable was cut; so that our distance from Cape Ray was 26½ miles, and 41 *miles of cable had been paid out*. I leave you to infer whether there was not room for a waste of ten miles of cable here.

Captain Turner has already called in Mr. Canning as a witness in his favor. Why did he not induce Mr. Canning to contradict the statement that ten miles of the cable were wasted? No man was in a better position for judging than Mr. Canning, but curiously enough Captain Turner does not avail himself of his opinion.

Allow me to assure Captain Turner, through you, that personally I entertain for him the highest consideration; and that in the statement which a regard for truth compelled me to make, I did not in any way intend to wound his susceptibility.

THE "TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

Quarrel between Captains on the Steamer James Adger.

From the Evening Post.

We understand that rather a serious quarrel occurred on board the steamer *James Adger*, on her late trip to Newfoundland, between the Captain of the steamer and Captain Lowry, one of the invited guests. During the violent storm which resulted in the loss of the telegraph cable, Captain Lowry discovered, as he thought, that the captain was steering out of his course, and lost some nine miles in consequence.

He mentioned it to the captain of the steamer; the captain resented; and blow to mind blow, some words were exchanged; the captain ordered him below, under the authority of his office, the passenger took it coolly, and only two words passed with the captain of the *Adger*. Beyond this they could not go much, during the remainder of the gale. Finally, as the best thing that could be done under the circumstances, they compelled the two captains to make mutual apologies, which they did, and thus the affair ended.

The facts of the case are very different from those above stated. In the first place, there was no such person on board as Captain Lowry. The gentleman referred to is Mr. Lowrie, a stockholder in the Telegraph Company. Mr. Lowrie was on board the *James Adger*, at the request of the Company, who had much faith in his experience and capacity, and as his interest in the success of the undertaking was naturally much excited, he, on several occasions, offered advice to Captain Turner, when he thought that gentleman was pursuing a course likely to endanger the cable. It was on one of these occasions that Captain Turner threatened to put Mr. Lowrie in irons, if he again interfered with him in commanding the ship; but no such measure as placing Mr. Lowrie under custody of two sailors was ever resorted to. A threat was merely held out, and as, of course, on board ship every one must bow to the captain, right or wrong, Mr. Lowrie submitted. These are the facts of the case, and the Post would have done well to have obtained better information before it made the affair public.

NEW-YORK CITY.

CITY POLITICS.

Sixteenth Assembly District—The Whig Nominating Convention.

The Whigs of the Sixteenth Assembly District, composed of the Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards, seem to be at loggerheads. They cannot agree on a candidate for Assembly. The General Committee, discussing the difficulty that has arisen, empowered the ten Delegates, composing the Nominating Convention, to elect an additional member to their body, in hopes thereby of facilitating the selection of a nominee. The Convention met at Thompson Hall a few evenings since, and, in accordance with the power granted them, proceeded to ballot for an additional Delegate. They could not select one, however,—two nominees were proposed, and each of them received five votes. Neither party would succumb, as on the election of the Delegates depended the nominee for Assembly. The Convention therefore adjourned and met again a few nights after, and made another effort to elect the extra Delegate, but in this they were as unsuccessful as before. In hopes of ending their troubles they, by unanimous consent, waived the election of Delegate, and proceeded to ballot for candidate for Assembly. But in this they also failed—one-half the Convention voting for William Adams, of the Eighteenth Ward, and the other half for William S. Gregory, of the Twenty-first Ward. Several other ballots were held with a like result, and they again adjourned to meet last evening, when six ballots were had, but they all resulted alike—five and five.

The contention is one for men not principles. Mr. Adams was the Whig candidate for Assembly in the Sixteenth District last year, but was defeated; hence the Twenty-first Ward delegation declares that his renomination would be unmeet, by resulting again in defeat. They assert, too, that he would be opposed by all the police of the District. They are said to be of opinion likewise, that inasmuch as the last candidate was from the Eighteenth, the present one should be from the Twenty-first Ward.

The delegation from the Eighteenth Ward, on the other hand, contend that Mr. Adams is the "stronger man to run;" that his defeat at the last election was owing to the factious opposition of a few malcontents who "ran a stump," but that now Mr. Adams, if nominated, is sure to be elected. They add, apropos, that Mr. Gregory, though a good Whig, is a new comer to the District, having but recently removed from the Fourteenth Ward, where he was defeated two years ago for the State Senate, and that the Eighteenth Ward, being a strong Whig one, should have the most to say in the matter.

However, neither party will succumb, and the only hopes of there being any regular Whig candidate from the District in the field at the next election, depend on the Convention uniting on a new man, which is will probably do at its next meeting.

The Whig Young Men's Committee.

A meeting of the above Committee was held last evening at the Broadway House, when there was had a somewhat lengthy discussion as to the admissibility of a motion to admit Mr. Bellows, who was lately expelled because of his connection with the manifesto lately issued denouncing the Whig party. It was finally agreed to allow the presentation of his name as a candidate for the vacant seat, subject to the decision of the Committee.

Republican Meeting in the Eighth Ward.

The Republicans of the Eighth Ward held a meeting last evening, J. G. Haviland, Chairman, and Wm. H. Burr, Secretary. Messrs. John J. Brabrn, Charles Thompson, and Hart B. Webb, were appointed as a Committee to represent the Ward in the Central City Committee. A series of resolutions was adopted, eschewing compromises, upholding the Union, protesting against the extension of Slavery, and denunciatory of the Administration.

Twenty-second Ward Democratic Union Club.

This Club met last evening, at the National Hall, Forty-fourth-street, for the purpose of enrolling members and preparing to return their nominees at the approaching election. The present representatives of the Twenty-second Ward were denounced, as not being attentive to the interests of their constituents, but solely bent on making money for themselves. The Club deferred the nomination of candidates until they shall be more fully reinforced by the scattered elements of their party, and all the action they have yet taken is, to enroll members, receive their fees, and beat up for recruits.

The Prohibitory Liquor Law—The Astor House Case.

On Tuesday last, upon complaint of C. J. Warren, Secretary of the City Temperance Alliance, Messrs. Coleman & Stetson, proprietors of the Astor House, were arrested for selling brandy in violation of the Prohibitory Liquor Law. Messrs. Coleman & Stetson, as will be remembered, appeared before Judge Osborne at the Mayor's Office, and expressed their desire to be tried at the Special Sessions, which was granted, bail being given in the sum of $500.

Yesterday morning at the Tombs, the case came up for trial before Recorder Smith. Messrs. Coleman & Stetson were both present. Mr. Capron appeared on behalf of the Temperance Alliance, and Mr. Develin for the defendants.

Mr. Develin moved to dismiss the complaint, on the ground that no offense was set forth in the affidavits upon which the complaint was made. The act of violation of the Prohibitory Law, therein charged, did not contribute an offense according to the decision of His Honor the Recorder and of the Supreme Court.

The Recorder said that though the affidavit might not be sufficient to amount to an action, as the parties were before the Court, it were well he thought to proceed with the case, as additional evidence outside the complaint might be adduced to make up the deficiency.

Mr. Capron said he did not anticipate that denial of the charge would be made by the defendants, as they virtually did do in their denial of any ground of action being set forth in the complaint. He supposed they would plead guilty to the charge of violation of the law, and base their defence upon the question of the constitutionality of the law alleged to be violated. He regretted, however, that two of his witnesses, most material in the case, were not present. He should be compelled, therefore, to ask an adjournment, that attachments might be sued out to compel their attendance.

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Mr. Capron said he should prefer as it was to have the case adjourned to another day. He was not fully prepared to meet the case as contested by the defence.

Mr. Develin stated that he should not be able to be in attendance until two weeks from that time, and if the opposing counsel was willing to postpone the case until such time, he would consent to an adjournment.

The trial of the cause was therefore postponed to the time mentioned.

The affidavits upon which this action is brought are those of C. J. Warren, Secretary of the Temperance Alliance, and Robert J. Cowen.

The affidavit of Mr. Warren sets forth, that on the 7th of July, according to his information and belief, the bar of the Astor House, country purchase wine and brandy in quantities of about a gill each, and that for the same were severally paid twelve and a-half cents each. It further sets forth, that the Astor House, of his own knowledge, has a bar and accommodations therein, and that within the bar are many decanters having liquids therein, resembling in color and appearance intoxicating liquors; and that divers persons purchase of and pay for those liquids.

The affidavit of Mr. Cowen sets forth the fact of his having purchased a gill of brandy at the bar of the Astor House upon the 6th of July, and paying twelve and a-half cents therefor. These constitute the papers in the case.

The Prohibitory Law.

The number of arrests made yesterday for infraction was thirty, distributed as follows:

At the Tombs, before Justice Welsh	19
At the Jefferson Court, before Justice Davidson	13
At the Essex Police Court, before Justice Wood	7
Total	39

Robbery on Board the Boat Newark.

Yesterday morning an extensive robbery was perpetrated on board the steamboat Isaac Newton, while on her way from Albany to New-York. The facts are as follows: The money belonging to the boat, amounting to $1,436, with $995 belonging to the Clerk of the boat, and $70 of the Steward's, in all $2,501, was deposited in the Captain's Office, in the drawer of a desk fronting the office window where the tickets are given out. About daylight the Clerk, W. E. Gardner, of New-York, who had slept in the office during the night, stepped out for a few minutes, locking carefully the door as he left. Upon his return he immediately discovered the loss of the money. There was no indication of the window having been entered, and it was impossible for a person to reach the drawer containing the money from the outside. It is supposed some adroit thief, evidently on the lookout, entered the office by a skeleton key, or otherwise, in the absence of the Clerk. The alarm was soon given, and the steamboat upon nearing her dock, instead of landing rounded off the dock, when a small boat was dispatched for officers to come on board. Officers Croft and Welch, of the First Ward, came on board and immediately instituted a search for the recovery of the lost money. A thorough examination of the passengers was made, but with no clue to the whereabouts of the stolen funds. A few on board had in his possession $110 in bills, but the Clerk was unable to identify any of it as being a part of the money stolen. Upon the person of one of the passengers, giving his name as John Dugan, of Troy, was found a revolver. This man, together with a man calling himself James Hanna, known by the Officers as an old offender, were arrested and taken to the office of the Chief of Police, and subsequently brought before Justice Osborne, at the Mayor's Office. Nothing, however, could be ascertained against either of them, and they were discharged. Of the stolen money $300 was in gold and the balance in small bills, mostly State money. Some counterfeit bills were among the number, and it is hoped may lead to the discovery of those perpetrating the theft.

Public Curiosum.

The regular monthly meeting of this body was held last evening at Millspaw's Hall—James McLaughlin in the Chair. The Executive Committee, to whom were entrusted the subject of inquiry as to a breach of the rules of the Association, were called on, but these members only appearing, the business was postponed. The absent members were fined. Several new members joined the Society—one of whom, who had been ten years in the Institute, was refused, in consequence of having forgotten to bring his Bonnet. The monthly payments were then proceeded with, after which the meeting adjourned.

An Editor Assaulted—Capt. Rynders "down" on Mr. Tomkins.

A warrant was yesterday issued by Justice Welsh, at the Lower Police Court, against Isaac Rynders, on the complaint of Cornelius J. Tompkins, the Editor of the New-York *Daily News*. In the affidavit made, it is alleged that Rynders called upon complainant at his office, and threatened to beat him the first time they met in the public street. The affair is said to have arisen from some remarks made in the *News*. The Captain is proceeding to extremities. He should be rash.

The Ferry Investigation Committee.

The Special Committee of the Board of Councilmen, appointed to investigate the charges against the Street Commissioner, were to have met yesterday at 3 o'clock. Councilman Gray was up to time, and about twenty minutes past 3 the Chairman made his appearance. After waiting about ten minutes the latter said he could wait no longer, and adjourned the Committee to a future day, which will be duly notified.

The Accident at the "Times" Building—Funeral.

The funeral of the young man, William H. Timpson, who died from injuries received by the accident at the Times building on Tuesday last, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his mother, No. 190 Eldridge-street. The body was interred at Cypress Hills Cemetery. The funeral expenses, as was as that of the other victim to the same accident, young Stevenson, were borne by the proprietors of the Observer.

Columbia College.

Columbia College resumes its studies, as will be seen by the advertisement, on Wednesday of next week. Although the old trees are gone, and the green is now a dusty street, the College edifices stand loftily enough on a handsome terrace, cut off from the busy world below, and still devoted, as of yore, to good studies.

We hear that the incoming class is of goodly promise, both as to numbers and subjects.

Launch.

Messrs. Laurence & Foulkes launched from their yard, foot of North Fifth-street, Brooklyn, E. D., yesterday, at 5 o'clock, the ferry boat *George Law*; and next Thursday, at the same hour, they will launch the ferry boat *George Washington*. These boats are intended for the new South Tenth-street Ferry Co. Engines and boilers from Messrs. Frase & Murphy.

A Preacher Turned Horse Thief.

From the Chicago Tribune, 3d inst.

On Saturday night, Officer Fox, in company with an officer from Kalamazoo, Mich., arrested at Levi J. North's Circus, a man of clerical and dignified appearance, white cravat, black coat, etc., on a charge of horse stealing. It appears that this individual, who calls himself Rev. S. J. Taylor, and who claims to be a preacher in good standing in the Methodist Church, hired a horse and buggy a few days since at Kalamazoo, to take a short ride into the country to preach. After proceeding about ten miles, he drove the buggy into a ditch, and broke off one of its wheels, and then took off the harness from the horse, filled a bag with prairie hay to answer for a saddle, and mounting his steed proceeded on his way toward Chicago. While going through a tamarack swamp some distance below the city, he accosted a company of men who were amusing themselves in various ways, and riding up to them, exclaimed, in a loud and nasal twang:

"My fellow travelers to eternity! you no doubt are surprised to see a minister of the Gospel in this unhappy plight, bestriding a steed without a saddle, ah, and plead guilty to the charge of violation of the law, and base their defence upon the question of the constitutionality of the law alleged to be violated. He regretted, however, that two of his witnesses, most material in the case, were not present. He should be compelled, therefore, to ask an adjournment, that attachments might be sued out to compel their attendance.

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The affidavit of Mr. Warren sets forth, that on the 7th of July, according to his information and belief, the

[illegible] of Mary Lyndon, we [illegible] as the [illegible] of recommending adultery, [illegible] and a social duty. This [illegible] and with no further ob[illegible] than to expose the writer's feelings and [illegible] in the eyes of the world. [illegible] of efforts, skilfully devised and [illegible] with systematic ingenuity and perseverance, of which the ultimate aim [illegible] the present institution of Marriage, [illegible] by the religion and laws of [illegible] and to substitute for it a Farm [illegible] in which Passion and personal [illegible] to the sole test, and the sole [illegible] of their between the sexes.

[illegible] but a small portion of [illegible] of the progress which [illegible] making in this country of the [illegible] which the theories on which [illegible] was vindicated, were [illegible] upon public attention, they were [illegible] by those who looked only on the [illegible] and saw nothing in them beyond the [illegible] of a few whimsical and disordered [illegible]. Those who looked further, and [illegible] to trace social and moral [illegible] to the ultimate principles [illegible] they rightly foresaw the mischiefs [illegible] were likely to follow the incubation of that new Philosophy. Under its [illegible] of existing institutions lurked, as they [illegible], a radical and inveterate hostility to the [illegible] of Christianity and of law;—[illegible] its vague inculcation of the necessity of new social organizations, in which [illegible] as it really is should be the [illegible] not the guide, they detected the [illegible] advocacy of systems subversive of all [illegible] which Lust would be the only [illegible], and Passion the sole guide of human [illegible]. Their assaults upon the system com[illegible] a change of tactics; Socialism ceased [illegible] to be openly advocated by its devotees, [illegible] their accustomed channels. Arguments [illegible] abandoned. The novel, [illegible] the biographical sketch, [illegible] stories,—subtle delineations [illegible] shadows of our social system,—these and [illegible] modes of advocacy have [illegible] for open argument, and [illegible] serve at once a double purpose,—diverting the attention from the object sought, [illegible] public sympathy for the evils [illegible] to the Christian system of society, [illegible] preparing the way for the remedies [illegible] view.

[illegible] way the impression has been created [illegible] the danger is past,—that the advocacy [illegible] and, especially of those aspects [illegible] of which involve the overthrow of the Marriage institution, have been abandoned,—and [illegible] there can be no occasion for any [illegible] anxiety concerning its progress. This, [illegible] our judgment, is a very great mistake. We have taken considerable pains to inform [illegible] on this subject,—and the result of [illegible] inquiries in the quarters likely to be the most instructed, convinces us that the principles [illegible] were never more ardently and [illegible] advocated, that they never had [illegible] like so strong a hold on the sympathies and sentiments of a large portion of our [illegible], and that they were never so extensively reduced to practice, as at the present [illegible] in this City and in various sections of the country. The championship of Socialism, of universal Libertinism and Adultery, which is but another name for the same thing,—[illegible] forward under various disguises and by many different agencies;—but they all [illegible] at the same thing,—the destruction of the Marriage Relation as it is created and [illegible] by Christianity and by law, and the substitution for it of a system which will permit every man and every woman to consult solely their own inclinations, in the relations they shall form and maintain. There are very many regularly organized societies, [illegible] manner less from public knowledge, [illegible] these views are carried out. There are [illegible] and hundreds of men and women, of [illegible] and accomplishment, by whom [illegible] openly. And there are thousands in this City, especially moving in fashionable circles, and maintaining all the outward observances of society, who read these books and believe in the principles [illegible]. And it is this social [illegible],—instilled thus through various channels into society,—that has caused the [illegible] elopements, the adulteries, the fornications, and the divorces, that have [illegible] of late years in the higher [illegible] not a tenth part of which ever come to the knowledge of the public through the press.

The seeds of this libertine philosophy,—[illegible] in the poems of Byron and Shelley, and in the romances of Bulwer, George Sand and Eugene Sue,—the last two of whom were pupils of Fourier, who did more to organize and reduce it to a system than any other man,—were first promulgated in this country by Robert Owen and his son, and afterwards by Fanny Wright. These persons represented most prominently the baldest and most repulsive side of the system—dwelling especially on its relation to property and the Church, and concealing, and sometimes even denying, that it had anything to do with marriage and the relations of the sexes. Owen's attempt to found a community at New-Harmony, proved a disastrous, and in its pecuniary results a ridiculous failure; but even that contributed more to the spread of his doctrines than a moderate success would have done, for his disciples were scattered over this country, and have not been idle. They have promulgated their principles in a [illegible] manner, which the knowledge of which the community never could have reached, and have [illegible] the seeds of infidelity and [illegible] in various sections of the Union.

The disciples of Fourier, with his far more plausible and specious scheme of Association and Social Reorganization, have had a [illegible] influence on the public mind than those of the Communistic philosophers. Fourier himself was not calculated for a popular Apostle of any creed. His mind was mathematical in its tone, and he treated all questions of humanity and society just as he would a theorem in geometry. He classified, analyzed and organized the passions, and neither their influence, nor the harsh, unattractive writer, had the faculty of commanding public attention, or of enlisting public interest. But his disciples, his doctrines, into minds of a different stamp, and through them they have exercised prodigious power. George Sand has proved more fascinating than Fourier; Warren, Brisbane and Greeley have been more readers than the author of *Caleb Williams*. Victor Considerant, Albert Brisbane, Parke Godwin and Mathieu Forster, have had far more influence upon the public mind than the school of philosophers they have well nigh displaced.

It is now a little more than fifteen years since the first earnest attempt was made to introduce the system of Fourier into the United States. Albert Brisbane, the son of a wealthy citizen of Western New-York, had passed many years of his early life in Europe, where he had completed his education, and where he became the personal friend and pupil of Fourier. Of quick intellect, earnest nature, strong passions and enthusiastic temper, Brisbane soon became a thorough devotee of Fourierism, and enlisted in the labor of converting the world to this new creed. After some years spent in France and Italy, where he became thoroughly and practically familiar with all the modes of social life which there prevail, he returned to the United States and entered upon his new crusade. He published in a small volume a compendium of Fourierism,—in which the economical aspects of the system were put most prominently forward, its abstract philosophy being too vague for popular apprehension, and its moral inculcations being veiled under general maxims, well calculated to conceal the practical meaning which they involved. The book attracted little attention from the public at large, Mr. Brisbane's endeavor, in fact, being to impress its doctrines upon certain individuals of ability and influence, and to work through them, rather than affect directly the mass of the community. He was particularly fortunate, at the outset, in securing the cooperation of Horace Greeley, then the editor of the *New-Yorker*, who studied the system under the personal direction of Mr. Brisbane, and declared his willingness to aid in the promulgation of its doctrines and the promotion of its practical plans. His first article on the subject was published in the *New-Yorker*, entitled "Thoughts for Christians," of which the main object was to urge the necessity of some radical and thorough change in the existing organization of society,—and especially of superseding the system of *isolated households* or separate families. A paper called *The Phalanx* was soon after started, for the special purpose of advocating Fourierism, and Mr. Greeley was announced as one of its editors, and contributed regularly to its columns. The publication of the *Tribune*, however, which was commenced in the Spring of 1841, superseded these agencies, and offered a far more powerful means of giving currency to the new social theory. Besides the editorial advocacy, which was conducted by Mr. Greeley himself, an arrangement was made by which Mr. Brisbane occupied three columns every week with the presentation and vindication of Fourier's system of society,—the fundamental idea of which was embodied in the abstract maxim, that "*attractions are proportional to destinies*,"—a phrase that looks innocent enough, but which means that *the real and true destiny of men and women is to follow their attractions, or inclinations*. Mr. Greeley, in his writings on the subject, dwelt mainly on its economical aspects, and on the application of the theory of attraction to labor,—leaving its moral and religious phases almost entirely to his coadjutor.

In this way, by the persevering and able exertions of these two champions, laboring each in his appropriate sphere, through the columns of the *Tribune*, a prodigious impetus was given to Fourierism. Thousands were fascinated by its brilliant theories,—by its promises of a life of comparative ease, of social enjoyment, of attractive industry, of relief from the burdens and restraints of family life, and of the general escape from poverty and toil to comfort and easy independence. Associations were formed all over the country. There was one or more in Massachusetts, some in Western New-York, and others in New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin; most if not all of which have since expired,—the North American Phalanx, which we believe is the last, unless we except the Raritan Bay Union, having recently advertised its domain to be sold at auction. These efforts to carry out the theories of Fourier were prompted and sustained by a Central organization in this City, of which, we believe, Mr. Greeley was President, and which had several affiliated societies in Boston, Philadelphia and elsewhere. A new weekly paper, called the *Harbinger*, was started, to be the special organ of the movement, which contained translations of Fourier's writings and the contributions of his disciples in this country. But the *Tribune* continued to be its leading, and by far its most efficient advocate, and gradually numbered among its editors and contributors the ablest and most accomplished writers of the Socialist School. Parke Godwin, one of the early converts to the system, published a popular compendium of its leading doctrines, in which he stated, much more boldly and frankly than its other expounders had ventured to do, its relation to the institution of marriage,—admitting that it would of necessity involve the destruction of this institution as it is understood and established by Christianity and law, and substitute for it a relation of the sexes dependent solely upon personal inclination,—to be dissolved as well as formed, at pleasure. When involved in a controversy which he had himself invited, upon the general merits of Fourierism as a social system, Mr. Greeley attempted to ignore this application of its fundamental principle to the institution of marriage;—but the attempt was simply absurd. Whatever Mr. Greeley's personal views of the subject may be, no one who knows anything of the social philosophy of Fourier, can doubt that the doctrine of Passional Attraction is its central principle, and that its application to the relations of the sexes renders marriage, as a fixed, sacred and *permanent* relation between individuals, utterly impossible. The fundamental principle,—the "pivotal idea," as he terms it,—of Fourier's entire social system, is that the *Law of Attraction* pervades the moral, as it does the material, world; that the *passions* are the manifestations of this great law in humanity, as gravitation is its manifestation in physics;—and that it is just as absurd, just as hurtful, just as distinctly and decidedly a violation of divine order, to resist this law of Passional Attraction in its application to society, as it would be to resist the law of gravitation in the outward world. Free intercourse between the sexes,—an intercourse prompted and restricted by Passional Attraction alone,—is, therefore, an absolute, primary, inevitable necessity of his system;—and any denial of this by those who profess to believe in his theory, can only spring from ignorance, or a desire of escaping at the bar of public opinion responsibility for such a creed.

It is to Fourierism, therefore, and its introduction and promulgation, that we attribute the disgusting and detestable *Free Love* system which is openly advocated in *Mary Lyndon*, and which is obtaining a wide and alarming currency throughout the country. The seed thus planted by the Fourierites, has taken root and attained rapid growth, under the united efforts of a great many persons who have watched and watered it, in various ways. Scores of writers, under various disguises, advocating different objects, laboring apparently in different directions, have pushed it forward in public favor,—some by Transcendental speculation upon social laws and woman's rights;—some by medical discussions, directed apparently to the laws of physiology, but really drawing therefrom arguments against marriage as it now obtains;—some by vigorous and eloquent denunciation of existing evils,—true in itself, and therefore well calculated to win favor for the remedies towards which it dimly points;—in various ways and through various agencies, there has been a constant, earnest and effective pressure upon the public mind in this direction. Few of this class of writers have had greater influence upon intelligent persons than Margaret Fuller,—for a long time a leading writer in the *Tribune*, and author of a book on "Woman in the Nineteenth Century." Marked by great intellectual ability, large scholastic acquirements and a profound hostility to the institution of Marriage as established by law, this book, as well as the other writings of its author, has contributed very largely to the creation of a demoralized public sentiment upon this subject. But the same cause has been advocated with perhaps greater effect, by other writers of far less ability, and far less entitled to public respect. Among them is Dr. Lazarus, a gentleman of Hebrew birth, and an ardent Fourierist, who has published here a series of works, original and translated, from Fourier, St. Pierre, Toussenel, and the St. Simonians, in which Free Love, or the anti-marriage doctrines of his school, are clearly and boldly stated. They are openly avowed in his "Passional Hygiene," a book called "Comparative Psychology," and especially in "Love *versus* Marriage," which is dedicated, with the impious insolence characteristic of his school, "To all True Lovers—to the modest and brave of either sex, who believe that God reveals to the *instinct of each heart*, the laws which he destines it to obey; who fear not to *follow the magic clue of charm*, but defy the interference of all foreign powers!" This book is made up, to a considerable extent, of the views of Fourier, Swedenborg, the Transcendentalists and the St. Simonians—as Enfantin, Chevalier, and Mme. Flora Tristan, whose creed may be inferred from the following extract from her chapter on Love:

"Love, and *do whatever you will*, one of the fathers of the church has said.

"In this word is resumed the *entire gospel* of the Holy Ghost.

"When we love truly we are free, for *love is above all powers, and prevails over all constraint*."

If any one has a doubt that Free Love finds its chief advocates and defenders in the Socialistic writers, particularly the Fourieristic and St. Simonian, he will find abundant proof in this volume.

We have mentioned Swedenborg as one of the authors quoted and commented on by Dr. Lazarus, in support of his views. Although there is nothing in the writings of Swedenborg on which a vindication of such a system as that we are discussing could be based, there is no doubt that very many of its advocates make effective use of them in their advocacy of it. Although his doctrine of *conjugial* love,—implying the eternal, spiritual affinity of a single pair,—would naturally bind his disciples to an indissoluble monogamy, use is made of it to inculcate the propriety and duty of dissolving all false and merely legal relations; and many Swedenborgians make it a matter of conscience to repudiate all such relations and form new ones, with a view to more perfect and therefore permanent connections. It must, indeed, be obvious, that the natural and inevitable effect of any religious system which assails the fundamental principles of Christianity and seeks to substitute for it a new religious creed, must be to shake public confidence in the social institutions which rest upon Christian doctrine as their basis. Marriage is preeminently such an institution. It was founded by Christianity. It depends upon that for its vitality and integrity, and the prescriptions of law in regard to it are merely recognitions of Christian principles upon that subject. The tendency of a system of religious belief may, therefore, be to destroy the institution of marriage, even where no such purpose is professed or even suspected by its adherents. We believe this to be preeminently true of *Modern Spiritualism*, as it is called—which is as yet but an imperfectly organized religious faith, but which has advanced far enough to show that it is utterly and uncompromisingly hostile to Christianity, and that its influence is, of course, destructive to those social institutions which rest upon Christianity for their basis and support. The rapidity with which this new faith has been extended is most remarkable. Its influence is wider, stronger and deeper than that of any philosophical or socialistic theory, since it appeals to the marvelous in man, and takes hold directly upon the strongest sentiments of his nature. Judging from its rapid extension and widespread effects, it seems to be the new Mahomet, or the social Antichrist, overrunning the world. In five years it has spread like wild-fire over this Continent, so that there is scarcely a village without its mediums and its miracles. It has its preachers, its public lecturers, its speaking and healing mediums, as well as those for test manifestations, its newspapers and its literature. It takes the form of a Church organization and has its religious services,—its prayers and hymns, its sermons and conference meetings,—at which its doctrines are inculcated and the personal experience of its adherents is set forth. If it be a delusion, it has misled very many of the intelligent as well as the ignorant. If a deception, it has deceived sharp intellects or made them its accomplices. If it be a diabolical enchantment, it surpasses in the extent of its influence any that the world has hitherto experienced. But whatever it may be, its direct hostility to Christianity, to its principles and its institutions, is manifest and palpable; and it has, beyond all doubt, exerted a very powerful influence to prepare the minds of its adherents for a ready acceptance of the belief that Marriage, as a legal and Christian institution, is at war with the doctrine of *spiritual* affinities, and to be treated accordingly. The leaders of the Spiritualist movement,—those who stand before the public as responsible for it,—of course deny this tendency of their faith, just as some Fourierists deny the same aspect of Fourierism, and for the same reason. But such denials amount to nothing in the form of argument, inevitable deductions from their premises, and we believe that the Spiritualistic apostles who have advanced farthest in the system—the best *mediums*—everywhere accept the doctrines of this school; that the "Spirits" teach them; that the great mass of the believers in the Spirit-Rappings accept the theory of "affinital relations" as of a more sacred character than those of the legal marriage, and that Spirits, according to their own revelations, in their intercourse pay no regard to the legal institution, but assert the right to follow their attractions. It is a well-known fact, moreover, that Spiritualism has had the effect, in hundreds of places, to break up long-existing marital relations; and that Spiritualists are forming associations in various quarters for the purpose of establishing a social order free from the legal restraints of civilization. But, apart from all this, the point we make is, that the whole tendency of Spiritualism as a religious creed, is, to destroy faith in Christianity, to undermine all respect for marriage as an institution which appeals to Christian precept for its sanctions, and thus to prepare the mind for this Free Love doctrine as a substitute for it.

The *Woman's Rights* movement tends directly and rapidly in the same direction,—that extreme section of it, we mean, which claims to rest on the absolute and indefeasible right of woman to an equality in all respects with Man, and to a complete sovereignty over her own person and her conduct. There are very many advocates for a modification of the laws concerning married women,—for an extension of the sphere of woman's labor and for other modifications of existing laws. To them we do not refer;—but to the ultra school, whose apostles claim for woman rights which nullify the very idea of Marriage, as anything more than a partnership *at will*, and who thus identify their cause entirely with that of the adherents of the Free Love School. The Christian institution of Marriage offers a perpetual barrier to the progress of what are technically styled Women's Rights: and no one knows this better than Mrs. E. L. Rose, the personal friend and pupil of Frances Wright, and probably the ablest woman engaged in this enterprise.

Another sect which has aided directly in the promulgation of the Free Love principles, professedly on religious grounds, is that of the Perfectionists, which is under the leadership of J. H. Noyes, formerly a Presbyterian clergyman. It is a society of Religious Socialists or Communists, who teach free love, or mixed marriages, in a still wider sense than the Fourieristes,—inculcating the marriage of *each man to every woman*, and *each woman to every man, within the pale of their church*, as the true doctrine of Christ! Their principal community, where most of the members reside, is in Oneida County, New-York; but there are branches at Brooklyn, Newark, and other places. In their First Annual Report they give their doctrine of sexual relations in a series of propositions, professing to support them by Scripture proofs, and citing the testimony of many of their members, as to the practical influence of such relations. Mormonism, with its revival of Oriental and Patriarchal customs, has, doubtless, had its share of influence in the promotion of these views.

Among the early disciples of Robert Owen, engaged in the Communistic experiment at New-Harmony, Indiana, was Josiah Warren. The practical failure of Communism drove him to the opposite idea of absolute Individualism; and he worked out a theory of social order based upon "Individuality," and the consequent principle of perfect freedom and independence, in the axiom *laissez faire*—"The sovereignty of the Individual to be maintained at his own cost." From this he inferred, logically enough, that as women have just as much individuality, and consequently as much sovereignty, as men, the legal relation of marriage has no rightful existence. One of his ablest and most prominent disciples is Mr. S. P. Andrews, who began with Fourierism but espoused Mr. Warren's views of the relation between the sexes. He made, through the columns of the *Tribune*, the most lucid exposition yet published of those opinions, in a controversy on the general subject of marriage. The discussion was commenced by Henry James, a literary gentleman of great ability, by a reply to some strictures of the New-York *Observer* upon the Swedenborgian or Spiritual marriage of the affinities—which Mr. James defended, while he denounced and ridiculed the legal bond, or "hand-cuffing of the police," as he styled it. In his remarks on the subject, Mr. Andrews took the broader ground of absolute freedom of the sexual relations—to which the *Tribune* replied, and a discussion of some length and greater warmth ensued, the main result of which was, that Mr. Andrews obtained access to the public for his arguments—which were plausible, forcible and not adequately refuted by the *Tribune*—as, in logical argumentation, Mr. Andrews was more than a match for his opponent.

This system found still another active and effective advocate in T. L. Nichols, who came to this City and published a flashy and disreputable paper called the *Aurora*, in 1841, or thereabouts, afterwards became a convert to Fourierism, and sifted his loose and demoralizing Socialism through several papers with which he had more or less connection. His early attempts in this direction were simply licentious and immoral, and belonged to that class of writings of which the police claims a much more rigid supervision than it exercises. But after espousing Fourierism he began to organize his licentious notions into a system, and wrote, in the *Dispatch* and the *Universe*, a series of papers entitled "*Woman in all ages*," afterwards published in a volume by Fowlers & Wells, whose imprint is to be found upon most of the Socialist books published in this country. He afterwards obtained a degree as Doctor of Medicine, and formed a marriage connection with Mrs. Mary Gove, a Socialist lecturer and writer; and together they embarked in the publication of Socialist books. In 1852, he published one called *Esoteric Anthropology*, professedly a medical treatise, but really, a text-book of Socialism, in which the broadest theories of the Freedom of Woman are advocated on grounds of physical science or natural laws. Soon afterwards Nichols and his wife published a still bolder and more outrageous book, their joint production, entitled *Marriage*, in which every evil, every vice of civilization, is attributed to marriage, while the remedy for all these evils is Free Love, or the unrestrained Passional Attraction of Fourierism. It is, in effect, a Fourieristic work, though favoring Individualism, as a transition movement. The same recent book *Mary Lyndon*, the authorship of which, we believe, is avowed by Mrs. Nichols, inculcates the same doctrines in another form,—one calculated to enlist for more of popular favor, and consequently to be far more effective.

Horace G. Wesley, a well known lecturer and writer on Abolitionism, Woman's Rights, Hydropathy, &c., has also written a work on marriage, maintaining the affinital theory, totally repudiating the legal bond, and, in fact, advocating the same system [illegible] by the Fourierists, [illegible] but [illegible] more sacred character than that of the legal marriage.

We have given all these details for the purpose of showing that this theory of Free Love, as it is popularly understood, is [illegible] its systematic plans of extension. It pervades the works of Spiritualist and Socialist writers. It enters into religious fanaticisms, and its prominent apostles have entered upon a vigorous propaganda.

Nor have all these efforts been without their fruits. The progress the theory has made, and the success which has attended the endeavors to reduce it to practice, may well alarm every friend of social order and Christian morality. There has been established for three years, a village or community in which this system is held and practiced, called "Modern Times," on Long Island. There is also a Secret Society, or League, in this City, whose weekly social gatherings, for lectures, music, dancing, &c., have been attended by hundreds of persons of both sexes. These *soirees* are given at a large hall in Broadway, and an oath of secrecy is required of every visitor. "The Progressive Union," a Society "for Mutual Protection in Right," which is its declaration of principles, goes to the entire length of the Free Love Theory, has its central Bureau in New-York, its organ, with a wide circulation, and some hundreds of members, from Maine to California. The *Ceresco* Union, which occupies the site of a defunct "Phalansterie," in Wisconsin, has become notorious enough to be threatened with an application of the *Code Lynch*. A large society of Free Love Spiritualists are emigrating to a domain in Southwestern Minnesota, to found a society in accordance with their principles. Other groups and societies are forming, under what is claimed to be spiritual direction, and for a similar purpose.

While preparing for these open demonstrations, Free Love principles have affected legislation in several States, particularly in the West. By the new divorce law in Ohio, marriage in that great and populous State is made a limited partnership, which may be dissolved at the will of either party. Thus, Mrs. Love, a prominent Spiritualist, and Woman's Rights lecturer, recently obtained a divorce from her husband, who had other "affinities," and has married, *a la* "Mary Lyndon," the Spiritualist writer, Andrew Jackson Davis. The laws of Indiana and Illinois are nearly as liberal. A lady can leave New-York on a visit to her friends, put a notice of her application for divorce in some obscure paper, and the first her husband may know of her intentions, may be his seeing the published fact of her marriage to somebody else. Such instances, we are assured, have actually taken place.

The minds of the Western people seem to be as open to receive new ideas as the lands of the West are to culture. In the East, both are more settled and occupied, yet even here these notions of Spiritualism and Free Love find many disciples. We are told there are mere members of the "Progressive Union" in Massachusetts than in any but the largest States. Boston and Charlestown particularly, are largely infected. Clergymen, formerly preachers of even evangelical denominations, are now lecturing on Spiritualism and its wildest heresies to large congregations. The whole West, and to a greater or less extent the whole country, has been deeply infiltrated, by all the agencies which we have pointed out, and which must be held responsible for this wide-spread demoralization, tending rapidly to a social revolution of a startling and alarming character. The danger, in our apprehension, is not that these theories will ever obtain ascendancy in the public mind, and supersede in law or in fact the existing institutions of society. But they unsettle the opinions, and affect the conduct of multitudes of our people. They scatter the seeds of vice and immorality. They disturb confidence in law and Christian principle. They are foremost among the influences which demand the attention, and the counteracting efforts of all the agencies on which society depends for its progress and purification.

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.

Proposed Action of the Temperance Party.

Address of the State Temperance Society.

To the Friends of Temperance in the State of New-York:

Fellow-Citizens:—The officers of the State Temperance Society, entrusted by you from year to year with its concerns, take the liberty of addressing you very briefly, believing that an important epoch has arrived to the cause in which you have so long labored; a cause which has forced itself upon the minds of statesmen, the leaders of all parties, and the people universally.

By your past labors, you secured a Prohibitory Law, at the last meeting of the Legislature, by a vote of 64 to 45 in the Assembly, and 21 to 11 in the Senate.

This law is not the one, in many respects, which originated with your Law Committee, and as it came from the hands of several of the most eminent jurists of the State. Still, we shall believe it to be Constitutional, until the Court of last resort decides to the contrary.

Any law of prohibition, however perfect, would meet with the same amount of opposition which the present law encountered.

The whole power of the liquor traffic, with its sympathizers, are combining to repeal the law. The traffic has become so enormously profitable, through the agency of cheap and poisonous drugs, that the dealers, who look only to their gains will not yield them up without a desperate struggle, though they know full well that disease, misery, premature death, crime of every grade, and more than double taxation, are the legitimate and invariable results of their immoral and murderous trade.

Experience has fully taught us, that when men, who hold offices and who use these poisonous drinks, the sale of which is now prohibited by law, and whose duty is to execute it, they, as a general rule, nullify it. So on the contrary, when men who do not use these poisonous compounds, and are in favor of the law, and who do not recognize property in them, when offered for sale as a beverage, it is faithfully executed.

These Temperance men, then, who aid in the remotest degree in advancing men to office who drink the poison, the sale of which is now declared to be criminal, or who are opposed to the law prohibiting its sale as a beverage, we think, do great damage to sound Temperance principles.

As a Society, we disclaim all connection with parties. We accept from any party, nominations for office of men, who are:

First—Competent.

Second—Total abstainers.

Third—Who are known advocates of Prohibition.

If such men are not nominated by any party, we must seek, in conference, and consult by mail, whatever we can find there.

We believe that, rightfully, there can be no compromise in legislating liquors, when the sale as a beverage. The present law very justly and very wisely declares them to be a public nuisance, when thus offered. This principle is clear, and should be universally maintained. If [illegible] "gift" to man, he each year, [illegible] in the State has a right to sell it, and all restrictions on such sale, whether as food or clothing, is tyranny.

The citizens of this New-York State [illegible] to carry home in the manufacture, or harm, of its people, [illegible] of rum. Such conclusions are in direct violation of the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and the letter of the Constitution.

Whatever [illegible] and [illegible] in fact and truth [illegible] Blessings, [illegible] and [illegible]

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[illegible] Plunder—How to Stop it.

[illegible] "who has just paid his [illegible] more in sorrow than in [illegible] the desperate and hopeless con- [illegible] our City affairs. He cannot well [illegible] it,—and it is not easy for him, or [illegible] anybody else, to devise any feasible and [illegible] plan of relief. We have a horde of [illegible] and swindlers fastened upon us, and [illegible] with the power, and determined to use [illegible] to perpetuate their hold upon office. Our [illegible] correspondent suggests the indictment and [illegible] of some offenders, by our Grand [illegible],—believing that our Courts are still [illegible], and that, if once arraigned there, these [illegible] would have justice done them. [illegible] he very justly says, that half a dozen of [illegible] official rascals working at Sing Sing, be- [illegible] the felon who only stole a hundred dol- [illegible], would operate as a scarecrow to keep [illegible] others in check.

The great difficulty in this case—as in a thousand others—is, that what is everybody's business is nobody's. To collect testimony,—to employ persons skilled in the ways and [illegible] of City plunder, to ferret it out,—to [illegible] the requisite evidence,—all this, and the [illegible] to the detection and [illegible] of official rogues, require [illegible]. Nobody—no matter how deep may [illegible] in the matter—can afford the [illegible] to it himself, or the money to [illegible] others to do it.

We are not sure but something might be done by an Association. In the Western States [illegible] band together and raise a fund [illegible] for the detection of horse thieves. [illegible] chief officers are employed and kept [illegible] business,—detecting the guilty [illegible] and taking measures to secure their [illegible]. The same system is resorted [illegible] various special services of the kind, [illegible] in this City our merchants continue to [illegible] an independent police,—private watchmen, and other custodians of their [illegible].

Why may not the same system be resorted [illegible] for the detection and punishment of our official swindlers? If the parties interested would organize an Association for the detection of office-holding thieves and robbers,—simply charged, expert and energetic men to ferret out official rascalities, (ex-office-holders would probably be the best adapted to this service on a certain well-known principle,)—raise a sum of money sufficient to defray all expenses, employ lawyers to prosecute the cases in our Courts of law, pay witnesses for their attendance, and take all other steps necessary for the vigorous prosecution of their object,—we are satisfied that something might be done towards obtaining a redress of grievances.

The experiment, at all events, may be worth trying,—as no other hope of improvement, under existing circumstances, can reasonably be entertained.

How to Sue a Railroad Company.

Many inquiries reach us as to the proper course of procedure against the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company, to secure damages for the results of the late accident. These are available.

The first and worst is to bring an action against them in New-Jersey Courts, under New-Jersey laws. We have already stated our reasons for believing that little can be expected of bench or jury in that abject community. The miasma of monopoly vitiates everything, even the jury-box. No antiseptic is powerful enough to purify the atmosphere of their Courts of law. It needs no argument to show the folly of trying a highwayman before a parcel of pickpockets.

The second is a suit in the Federal Courts, in cases where the friends of the dead and the injured are citizens of other States than New-Jersey. Probably every case arising under this accident may be prosecuted in the Courts of the United States. The cars damaged were those carrying "through passengers;" the way-car, with its freight of New-Jersey passengers escaped with slight damage.

A third course is to bring suit in the courts of New-York or Pennsylvania, where common law is enforced by statutes, in giving damages for injuries done to survivors; and in the former State, and possibly in the latter, there are enactments affording pecuniary compensation to the relatives of the dead. As the actions under these laws are neither criminal nor penal, the only points to be ascertained before commencing proceedings, are, whether there is a director or other officer of the company within reach of the process of the court, and whether any property of the company can be levied upon under a judgment and execution. In this City there is, we believe, one resident director, if not two; and steamboats and transports without number can be seized in execution.

Amid channels so multiplied for attaining redress, it becomes the duty of every suf- [illegible]

[illegible] Amboy. We make [illegible] exhortation in no vindictive spirit. Personally, or in the person of immediate friends, we have no complaint to make of the Camden and Amboy Company; who, at least, deserve the praise of transporting the vast business of the road, with unexhibiting safety to life, considering the limited facilities to which their monopoly confines them. A correspondent residing at Burlington assures us, "that in the Winter, during the necessary suspension of business on the Canal, the steam-whistle of a passing train may be heard in the streets of that village every five minutes during the night." The fact that we have no more than two fatal and heart-rending calamities to record in two years, as the result of this crowding of business upon a single track, is an evidence of the skill with which the rules of the road are adjusted, and of the fidelity with which subordinates observe them. This circumstance, however, affords no justification for neglecting enlarged means of intercourse, and should not weigh a moment with prosecutor or jury in the matter of damages. With a double track such laborious nicety of traveling regulations might have been dispensed with: a host of lives would not have been dependent upon the accuracy of a watch, or the look-out of a brakeman. The duty of the individual is attended, therefore, in the present instance, with the force and obligation of a public duty, and its neglect must be judged by that more elevated standard.

A Tub to the Whale.

It cannot be forgotten by the public that a great triumph for retrenchment, reform and economy in our City Government was thought to have been gained, when the Common Council was shamed by the Press into the abandonment of the famous Tea Room, where the members of the City Government and their friends indulged themselves in canvas-back ducks, brandy and cigars, at the expense of the people. To cut off that source of corruption and extravagance, was supposed to be a great point gained by the friends of good order and economy.

But we are inclined to believe that depriving the Aldermen of the Tea Room luxuries and conveniences, has been a great detriment to the public. The expenses of the City have more than doubled since that great retrenchment took place. The grasping propensities of our Aldermanic legislators were then satisfied with a feed of game and a hat full of cigars; and while they were engaged in a jollification at the expense of the City, they could not be plotting larger schemes of plunder. We are of the opinion that abolishing the Corporation Tea Room has cost the City about a million of dollars. Aldermen are a kind of men that need feeding; they have unbounded stomachs, and swallow like Rabelaisian giants. Deprived of their suppers they took to riding in hired coaches, at the expense of the City, for they must be allowed to indulge in some kind of personal comfort at the public expense.

And now, we are alarmed to learn they propose to abolish the system of free rides; by way of throwing a tub to that fat leviathan the public, to divert his attention, so that they may the more successfully attack him in his oilest parts, they have resolved to deprive themselves of the luxury of riding at his expense. We are apprehensive that this appearance of reform will cost us more dearly than the reform of the tea-room. It is better to pay a few thousands for an avowedly improper object than to pay a million for a secret one. If the Aldermen had been disposed to honesty in the matter of rides at the public cost, nothing could have been easier than for them to show it since they came into power. This public resolution not to rob any more we fear will prove very much like the drunkard's resolution not to drink, who felt himself bound in honor to treat his resolution to a "tod" immediately afterwards.

The Temperance Party.

The Executive Committee of the State Temperance Society have issued an address, indicative of the action they propose to take at the coming Election. It declares their purpose to sustain the existing Prohibitory law,—as being constitutional until it shall have been declared otherwise by the Court of last resort. It says that the Temperance Society will continue to hold itself aloof from all political parties,—and will accept from any party, nominations for officers, provided they are known to be competent,—total abstinence men and advocates of Prohibition. If such men are not nominated by other parties, they propose to nominate and support them on their own account.

The only innovation in the policy of the State Society as indicated in this address, is that of requiring *total abstinence* as a condition of nomination for office. Whether practical and actual abstinence will be deemed sufficient,—or whether a written *pledge* will be required,—the address does not intimate. *We infer from it that an entire State total* abstinence ticket, embracing all the officers as well as those which are connected with the enforcement and interpretation of the law, will be nominated by the Temperance party,—or rather that the society will urge upon the State Convention, with which the decision of the point will rest, the adoption of such a policy.

A meeting of the "President, Vice President, and Executive Officers" of the State Society was recently held at Albany, at which a resolution was passed reaffirming the declaration of the State Convention at Auburn, last year, that they would support candidates of any party known to be "true to the idea of prohibition,"—and appending the following explanatory resolution:

Resolved, That we understand "being true to the great idea of prohibition" to mean Total Abstinence from all fermenting Liquors as a beverage, and a hearty and energetic advocacy and support of Prohibitory Legislation for the suppression of Intemperance.

The postponement of the State Convention, [illegible] which, as we understand, was for the purpose of inquiring into the position, opinions and personal habits of the candidates of the several parties.

Remedy for Railroads.

One of our neighbors advises the friends of young ROSEKRAN, who, when in pursuit of the ferry boat, run off the dock at Brooklyn a few days since, to commence a suit against the Company,—adding that "An action at common law will lie, and that they are entitled to damages." We apprehend this is a mistake. No damages can be recovered for *loss of life or limb, unless it can be shown* that the sufferer was not only without blame himself, but that he used all due precautions for his own safety. This is the law as uniformly laid down by our Courts. It is only about a year since the widow and friends of the late SAMUEL NICHOLLS, who lost his life while attempting to get on the forward platform of a Third-avenue car, which the driver would not stop, consulted eminent lawyers as to the liability of the Company to respond in damages for that bereavement, and they were advised that under the circumstances a verdict could not be expected, and if obtained would probably be set aside on appeal.

There can be no doubt on this point. It is unquestionably the duty of corporations to take all necessary and proper precautions against danger,—and the Legislature should provide for its enforcement. But no damages can be recovered in cases where the sufferers are to blame, as young ROSEKRAN clearly was in this case,—and as sufferers from kindred causes are very apt to be.

Rachel.

RACHEL renews her performances on Monday night. She will, beyond all question, confirm the unanimous and hearty verdict of all who have seen her, that in the consummate perfection of her art she has never been equaled or approached by any one upon this continent. She will have no difficulty in sustaining this conviction with all who see her. Play when she may, and to few or many, her reputation as an actress is in no danger.

But if she looks also for popularity,—if her managers look for large and steady returns of cash,—they must abandon the high-priced, exclusive system they have thus far followed, but which even thus far has been only half successful. With even her prodigious reputation, and with the excited state of public feeling that awaited her arrival, RACHEL has not had an overflowing of even a crowded house since she has been here. And she has had the largest she ever will have at present rates.

This *three dollar* arrangement is based on the assumption that we have an aristocracy that may be relied on for support. It ignores the great mass of the public and looks to the few,—who are at once cultivated and rich. The number of such is too few. They have never yet sustained anything—opera, theatre or any branch of art. Every successful actor and singer has been compelled, *nolens volens*, to act and sing for the masses, and at prices which the mass can pay.

RACHEL will be no exception. *She must lower her prices or fail.* We hope she will not be advised to a course that will involve the latter alternative.

Briggs Again.

We cannot conscientiously recommend a perusal of the verbatim report of the proceedings of the Committee having in charge the discovery of where our Chief of Police was born; all about that mysterious "black trunk printed in hand-bill form;" who stole the black broadcloth! and an investigation into the financial management of the Dog-pound. BRIGGS' conduct of the investigation was at one time amusing. It is not so now. A man may make himself ridiculous for a time, and thereby excite mirthfulness in the beholder but when he voluntarily continues it, long after his audience have ceased to smile at his efforts, he furnishes cause for the most painful apprehensions concerning his mental condition.

The proceedings yesterday occupy over four columns, in fine type, and not a single step forward was made in the case. The witnesses he had made so great an effort to force into answering his questions, not only refused to answer, but offered him almost every indignity that one man can offer another, except tweaking his nose or pulling him by his beard. When he asked concerning the Dog-Pound, they would not answer but as it pleased themselves; and consequently he received no information. When that mysterious black trunk was the subject of inquiry, the answers were, if possible, more mysterious than the black trunk itself. When knowledge of what became of the black broadcloth that was used at the HENRY CLAY obsequies was wanting, nothing could be learned other than that one of the witnesses had heard that Mr. STEPHEN H. BRANCH got a very large piece of it. Now, as Mr. BRANCH, to our knowledge, has been on a hunt *after* that black broadcloth for a very long time, the rumor is not to be credited. For why should Mr. BRANCH lose time in hunting for that, a very large piece of which was on his back at the time? There was no incentive to the race other than the remnant of the piece. It is of no use to say that old women often make a great bobbery hunting for their spectacles when they are on their noses, and that Mr. BRANCH might make a similar mistake by chasing after what was on his back, for Mr. BRANCH is not an old woman, and therein, at least, the simile does not hold good. We think, however, that Mr. BRANCH owes it to himself and his friends to prove it to be wholly without foundation in truth. We have no doubt Mr. BRANCH can cast aside the imputation as easily as he could strip himself of an old garment. This rumor concerning the disappearance of the cloth was all the new matter elicited from the witnesses. Alas! we are to have more of it.

[illegible] Father G[illegible] [illegible] coming to the United States to insist on the "necessity of union among Protestant Americans." It is a little curious that our rampant Americans should be under the necessity of importing a foreigner to instruct them in their duty. They will be asking foreigners, by and by, to help elect their nominees.

FROM RUSSIA.

INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT RUMOR.

Statement of the Condition of Affairs in St. Petersburg.

We receive, through private channels, and from a quarter entitled to confidence, an important rumor in regard to the financial projects of Russia.

It is stated that she has tried to raise a loan in Berlin and failed,—that she then tried to raise a loan from the ROTHSCHILDS, and the negotiation lingered for two months, but eventually failed.

These, her only resources in Europe, having failed, it is stated that the Russian Cabinet has it in contemplation to *raise a loan in the United States*, where the sympathy of the masses is relied upon to cause it to be readily taken. It is proposed to issue the stock in small amounts—somewhat on the plan of the recent loans in France.

Russian agents, it is said, are either in or on their way to the United States, to inquire into the feasibility of the plan proposed.

Whether this is actually so or not, it is considered certain by our correspondent that the rumor has reached the English and French Governments, and been a subject of consideration with them.

We have reports direct from Russia of another character.

Among the passengers by the *Atlantic* was an American lady, direct from St. Petersburg, where she is connected with the highest official and social circles, and where she has been spending the past year,—being, from her alliances, as much at home there as in the United States. We understand that her representations of the condition of affairs in Russia, and especially in St. Petersburg, are directly in conflict with the statements contained in the English papers, which arrive by every steamer.

Instead of the financial and commercial distress of which we have read so much, as consequent upon the war, she says that business wears its usual aspect and is quite as brisk as ever,—that money is abundant,—the people contented and in excellent spirits about the war, and that no one living in the capital would suspect, from anything that met his notice, that there was anything unusual in the condition of the country. It is not believed there that the Allies will succeed in gaining possession of Sebastopol. The protracted and successful defence hitherto maintained is regarded as establishing the fact that, to any force which the Allies can bring against it, the place is absolutely impregnable. A very large reserve force awaits orders at St. Petersburg, and no difficulty is experienced in obtaining recruits or supplies of provisions and money for the war.

The same authority states that the reported capture and destruction of Sweaborg is so enormously exaggerated in importance as to pass for a hoax. No part of the fortifications of the place have been destroyed or seriously injured.

The habitual exaggerations of the English Press on this, as upon other incidents of the war, excite some indignation and more amusement in intelligent Russian circles.

We learn that the American officers sent out by our Government to take lessons in war at Sebastopol, were at the latest dates in St. Petersburg. They had obtained the Emperor's permission to visit Cronstadt, and then Sebastopol—but the latter only on condition that they should not afterwards go within the lines of the Allied forces.

Senator Toombs Abroad.

Among the passengers who came home by the *Atlantic* is Senator TOOMBS of Georgia. We learn that during his tour abroad he fell in while traveling with Lord JOHN RUSSELL, and had several unreserved and characteristic conversations with his Lordship on American affairs, and the topics connected therewith likely to be of mutual interest.

Lord JOHN was apparently under the impression, so far as his opinion could be gathered from his remarks on Slavery, that negroes had *souls*. We understand that Mr. TOOMBS gave him very emphatic, if not satisfactory, assurances by way of correcting this mistake.

He also assured his Lordship that Cuba would inevitably ere long become a part of the United States; that in the election of General PIERCE it was supposed we had an Executive who would cooperate with those who are laboring to bring about that result, but that in this,—as in many other respects,—he had fallen short of their expectations. *At the next election*, however, we should have better luck; and a President would then be chosen who would give his hearty and prompt attention to the consummation of this project.

His Lordship ventured to intimate that England might object to this arrangement, and might be disposed to interfere against its being carried out. The Senator's argument in reply to this representation, as reported, to us was, if not in terms: "England be d—d." What his Lordship's rejoinder was, our reporter could not stay to hear. We think it quite likely that since his ejection from the Cabinet, he would not very sharply contest the exhortation of our Georgia Senator.

Branch Abroad.

We understand that Mr. STEPHEN H. BRANCH carried with him in his voyage at sea the same earnest determination to regulate everything that is wrong, correct all abuses, and put things "to rights" generally, *which distinguishes him at home. We are sorry to be* obliged to add that his efforts there met with the same ill-success which, owing to the hostility of interested parties, generally attends them here. During the voyage home on the *Pacific*, remembering the *Arctic's* fate, he thought it dangerous for the steamer to run fast through a mist, and counseled the confinement of Captain NYE *in irons*, because that enterprising and hard-headed officer declined his counsels. The passengers, strange as it may appear, wouldn't support the proposition, and so Mr. BRANCH was compelled to run the risk of losing his life, and the still more valuable records he had dug up in England. Fortunately, he himself at all events, he brought them both safe ashore.

Aid Wanted.

Rev. ROBERT GREEN, of Newbern, N. C., a colored preacher, in regular standing in the Episcopal Church, and certified by THE MEMBERS PERSONS who know him well, has five children in Slavery, whom he desires to redeem. These children in death, and he hopes, if he can secure their liberty, to be able to educate them, and make them useful members of society. They can all be purchased for $2,000, which is much less than their actual value to their present owner. Mr. GREEN has already raised $400 towards the object, and hopes by aid to accomplish the necessary sum in this City.

Rev. Dr. HAWKS, who knows him well, and confides fully in his character and the merits of this appeal, has consented to take charge of whatever money may be paid to him for that purpose.

Trade [illegible].

No department of our system of public instruction is more commendable than the Evening Schools. They are a mass of material [illegible] adapted to the ever-changing wants of society in our populous [illegible]. By means of these schools [illegible] young mechanics may toil by day and study by night. A suggestion or two in regard to them may not be useless.

1. We remember a policy should not be adopted in regard to the appointment of teachers for these schools. It may not be wise to prematurely withdraw from the Philadelphia of Night Schools the Principals of Day Schools, as was done last year. Range the best men and get the best teachers who are available. The physical and moral qualifications of our teachers of this district grades differ widely.

2. Multitudes of young artisans and others of the condition, should themselves from the Night Schools because, in the main, nothing is taught more important than is elementary to those which these students have, to a measure, mastered in the Day Schools. Why not divide our Evening Schools into two classes—High Schools and Primary Schools? We are aware of the beneficial character of the free Academy.

3. Literary and Scientific Lectures are of incontrovertible value, unless they who hear them have been instructed in the branches lectured upon. These lectures may greatly enlighten and interest. As Evening High School nights be highly benefited thereby. D.

New Telegraph Offices.

The wires of the Union Line of Telegraph, between this City and Boston, are being transferred from the receptio to the room of the New-Haven Railroad, between Harlem and Stamford, and telegraph stations are to be established immediately at Williams' Bridge, New-Rochelle, and perhaps at Port Chester. An office is also going to be opened at the passenger depot of the New-Haven Railroad Company, Canal-street, in this City, an arrangement having been entered into between the Railroad and Telegraph Companies. Should the experiment answer expectations, it is quite probable that telegraph offices will be opened at the principal railroad stations between New-York and Boston at an early day. Before the expiration of the present month there will be *five* telegraph stations in Westchester County, viz.: Port Chester, New-Rochelle, Williams' Bridge, Yonkers and Peekskill.

The California Mails.

The mail steamer *Empire City* it is expected will bring advices from California to the 19th of August. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company have, with the consent of the Postmaster General, made an arrangement by which their steamer will leave San Francisco in future on the 5th and 20th of each month, commencing with the 5th inst., instead of the 1st and 16th, as formerly. By this arrangement, the boats on this side will leave Aspinwall, regularly, on the 6th and 19th, and reach this port on the 13th and 27th. The same regularity will be observed on the outward passage, though the sailing days hence remain the same.

City Railroads.

A correspondent suggests that the seats in our City Railroad cars be divided by iron rods, so that each passenger could only occupy the space he pays for. Under the present arrangement a seat calculated for twelve persons is frequently filled up by ten. The reason is, that five or six are usually ladies, and as their dresses must have ample room, they occupy the seats of seven or eight persons, leaving the too-often fatigued passenger to stand, while they retain what he has paid for. Our ferry-boats and the omnibuses in the city of Paris have thus divided their seats. The plan is worthy of imitation here.

Found Dead—Suicide.

The body of a young man was found on Thursday in the grounds of Mr. ASTERWALL, at Staten Island, shot in the left side. He appeared to be a German, aged about 25. He was supposed to be a tailor, judging from the appearance of the fingers of his left hand, which had been much pricked by a needle, a double barrelled pistol lay beside him, one barrel of which was discharged, and the other loaded, capped, and on full cock. He was well dressed, in black, and had not been long dead when found.

Arrival from Havre.

The steamship *Tennessee*, WALLACE, from Havre, Aug. 18, to MONTHEIX LIVINGSTON, with merchandise and passengers, arrived in port yesterday. She experienced heavy gales for eleven days on her passage, lost her wheel-house and guards and otherwise received much damage. On Tuesday, the 4th inst. she put into Halifax for coal, and sailed thence the same night at 10 o'clock.

Rachelconcertina.

We noticed the other day the appearance of "Rachel pudding" at a Broadway restaurant, and we have seen a large placard with "Rachel's Liver Mixt," posted at the entrance of a "Saloon" near Houston-street.

☞ Secretary MARCY, in reply to inquiries from an interested party, says that "The State Department has no authority to settle claims for losses at Greytown. They cannot be settled or paid by this or any other Department without the sanction of Congress."

☞ We received yesterday, from JAMES B. MURRAY, an addition of $25 to the same already contributed for the relief of the family of the English physician recently deceased. As a sufficient sum has been raised to meet all immediate or pressing necessities, we prefer that no further donations for this object should be sent to our care.

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SIR: An advertisement appeared in the Herald of the 3d inst., over the signature of "Know-Nothing," to which we have expected to reply, although an anonymous writer is hardly ever worthy of notice, because an honest person who writes that which he knows to be true, would scorn to shield himself in irresponsible name. But "silence gives consent," such has been the conduct of the priestcraft party in this affair from the beginning of the travail to the end. It is very evident that the "Novice" has been made to believe herself a perfect martyr, and had her story answered upon until the was frightened no doubt half to death, with preposterous stories of Jesuitical plots and dangers. We question very much whether there is a greater Jesuit living than the one who is using her fears to serve his own purposes.

With regard to the "Herculean task" of writing her book twice, we regret having been the cause of compelling her to have it re-written, but we should not be censured for the consequences of her "friend's" interference.

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Proceedings, Proceedings.

The Board of Councilmen had some important business transacted last evening.

Mr. Wardell presented a petition, numerously signed by residents along the line of the Tenth and Eleventh avenues, asking that a grant be given to the Hudson River Railroad Company to run small cars over their rails south of Fifty-ninth street. The petition was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

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